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Admiral Byrd—the first man to fly over the South Pole—is shown in the picture at the right. This picture was made on another airplane trip he took over the South Pole about 10 years ago.



The area around the South Pole is a frozen wasteland of ice and snow, as you can see in the picture, left.

The First Flight Over the South Pole

The famous explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd made the first flight over the South Pole just 25 years ago—on November 29, 1929. He is now helping our country plan a new expedition to the South Pole.

THERE is one place on earth that very few men have seen. It is the South Pole. It was discovered about 40 years ago by a man named Roald Amundsen. Since that time a few other explorers have visited it. The most famous explorer of all is a Navy officer—Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Admiral Byrd was the first man to fly over the South Pole. He did this just 25 years ago this month—on November 29, 1929. (He was also the first man to fly over the North Pole.)

Our country has sent Admiral Byrd on many trips to the frozen land of the Antarctic. (That is what the area around the South Pole is called.) Now we are planning a new trip there. But Admiral Byrd won't go along this time. He will, however, help the expedition get ready. And he will give the men advice and show them how to take care of themselves in the frozen wasteland of the Antarctic.

The Antarctic is the loneliest and coldest
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A Mighty Kingdom on the Bottom of the Sea

THOUSANDS of years ago there was a very large island in the Atlantic Ocean. It was called Atlantis. It was a beautiful island, covered with high mountains and winding rivers. There were wonderful cities with buildings of red, black, and white stone. The roofs, made of copper, glittered in the sunlight.

It was a rich island too. The people built fine ships and sent them to faraway countries.

At first, the people of Atlantis were good. They kept the laws of their country. They did not quarrel with one another. They did not make wars with other countries. But as time passed, the people became greedy. They wanted even more wealth. They fought among themselves.

At last they went to war with the Greeks—and they were conquered. Soon after this, a terrible thing happened. Atlantis was shaken by mighty earthquakes. Great walls of water roared in upon the island. In just one day the entire island was swallowed up by the seas. All its people, all its fine buildings, were destroyed. The mighty kingdom was now only a lost island.

We do not know whether this story of Atlantis is true or not. It was told by a famous Greek writer named Plato. (Plato lived about 400 years before Our Lord came upon earth.) Some people say that Plato made up the whole story. But others think that Atlantis really did exist.

Ever since the time of Plato men have tried to learn the truth. But no one has ever known for certain whether or not there was an Atlantis.

Not long ago the lost kingdom of Atlantis was in the news. A diver was walking along the floor of the ocean near the coast of Germany. Suddenly he saw a pile of rocks that looked like a wall, right on the bottom of the sea. Near by was another pile of rocks. It looked like the ruins of a building. And then the diver picked up a large round stone. It was a cobblestone—used many years ago to build roads. Had there once been a road where the diver was standing?

The diver was sure he had found an ancient city. It must have been a city that had sunk into

the sea. Could it be the lost land of Atlantis?

Well, we know that the earth did not always look as it does today. Every year new islands push their heads up out of the oceans. And other islands sink into the sea. So we know that it is possible for an island like Atlantis to disappear under the water.

And other lost cities have been found. The scientists who dig up these old, old cities are called archaeologists (say are key *ahl* o gists). They have found cities that were mentioned in the Bible. They have even found cities that no one believed existed. One of these cities was called Troy.

Many old Greek legends told about the city of Troy. But most people said that Troy was just a make-believe city. It never did exist.

A German scientist, however, was certain that there really was a Troy. He figured out where it should be and started digging. People said he was silly. But that didn't stop him. He kept right on digging. At last he found the buried city. Yes, it was Troy.

So, you see, maybe Atlantis too really existed at one time. Maybe the diver really did see part of it. What do you think?

This is an artist's idea of how the lost island of Atlantis may have looked many thousands of years ago.





Don't worry—the fly isn't real. It is a giant model of a fly on display at a museum in New York City.

Swat That Fly!

DO YOU think you could swat a fly as large as the one shown here? It would take a mighty big fly swatter. The boy is looking at a giant model of a fly. It shows exactly what a fly looks like under a magnifying glass.

Do you see the small hairs all over the fly's body? They mean trouble. Flies like to buzz around dirt and garbage. They pick up many germs on those little hairs. Then they land on the sugar bowl or bread dish on your table. The germs get rubbed off on your food. One fly can carry as many germs as there are people in the city of New York.

Scientists have been studying flies a long time. They know that flies carry over 30 different diseases. If we could kill all the flies, we could save many lives.

Our country has a special farm where scientists study flies all the time. They study the fly's habits. By knowing what flies like and how they act we can learn how to control them. These scientists have found out many things about flies. Here are a few:

Flies will travel as much as 10 miles for a meal. They live only about three months. But if all the young of one pair of flies lived, they would bury the earth 47 feet deep in five months.

Flies are fond of string. They like to land on it better than anything else. They like red string better than any other color. A good way to kill flies is to dip a red string in fly poison and hang it up in a room.

The South Pole

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place on earth. Most of it is so cold that nothing can live there. There are no trees. There are no animals. And, of course, there are no people. Even germs can't live in the bitter cold.

In the middle of the summer it hardly ever gets above zero. Most of us think that the North Pole is the coldest place on earth. It isn't. The South Pole is about 40 degrees colder than the North Pole.

You would think that nobody would want such a frozen land, wouldn't you? Yet many countries would like to have parts of it. One of them is Russia. Our own country is not trying to claim any land in Antarctica.

Why are these countries so anxious to own this frozen wasteland? Because they believe there is a great deal of oil and many minerals under the ice and snow. The Antarctic, they say, is not only the coldest but also one of the richest places in the world.

"Fishing" for Deer

Have you ever heard of anyone catching deer in a boat? This man did. He caught the deer five miles out in the ocean. The deer had been swimming a long time. They were very tired. The man and his friends pulled the deer into the boat. One deer almost drowned. The men gave it artificial respiration.

This all happened in Alaska. Much of Alaska, you know, is still wilderness. There are still wolves roaming around. These deer were chased into the ocean by a pack of wolves. They swam out into the water until they were too tired to go back. That is when the men rescued them.



Father Jim's LETTER



Dear Girls and Boys,

Do you like leftovers—hash or stew, for example? Some children don't. But that is what many of them will be eating this week end. Their mothers will be using up the leftover turkey from Thanksgiving.

People use other kinds of leftovers, too. They make oil from cotton seeds. They make plastics from leftover peanut plants. And they make beautiful rugs from old rags.

But some leftovers are not so useful. You can't make yourself holy on leftover time. Some girls and boys have time for movies, games, and television. But they don't have time for Mass or their prayers. They give just a few scraps of time to God.

You can't be holy if you pray just now and then. You can't be a friend of Jesus if you talk to Him only on Sunday. Mary won't count you among her children if she never hears you say a "Hail Mary."

Your body, you know, will never grow strong if you don't eat every day. And your soul won't grow strong if you don't receive Holy Communion often. Once or twice a year is not enough. Our Lord offers you His body and blood every day.

I hope all of you spend enough time to become holy. I hope you don't give Jesus just your leftover time.

—Father Jim

Patron Saint of Fishermen

ANDREW was a fisherman. One day he and his brother were at work. Our Lord came up to them.

"Come," said Jesus, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Andrew and his brother left everything to go with Jesus. They were among the first Apostles.

St. Andrew traveled far and wide to spread the word of God. Like Our Lord, he too died on a cross.

We celebrate the feast day of St. Andrew on Tuesday, November 30. St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen. He is also the patron saint of the country of Scotland.

The End of the World

The Gospel for Sunday, November 28

THIS week's Gospel, like the one for last Sunday, is about the end of the world.

At the end of the world, said Jesus, there will be signs in the sun and the moon and the stars. The sun and the moon will be darkened. The stars will fall from the sky. There will be a great roaring of the sea and waves. Everyone will be frightened by these signs.

Then the Son of God will come on a cloud. The people will lift up their heads toward their Redeemer. Those who have led good lives will not be afraid. They will soon enter heaven.

Jesus did not say when the end of the world would come. But he told His disciples this parable: When people first see the young leaves of the fig tree, they know that summer is near. In the same way, when all these strange signs are seen, the people will know that the Day of Judgment is near.

The Season of Advent

SUNDAY will be the first day of Advent. The word "advent" means "coming." Yes, Jesus is coming. Christmas is only four weeks away.

Why do we have Advent? Well, after Adam and Eve lost heaven, God made a promise. He said that one day a Savior would be born. The Savior would again open the gates of heaven.

The four weeks of Advent stand for the four thousand years that passed before Our Lord was born.

During Advent we should prepare ourselves for the coming of the Infant Jesus on Christmas Day.

Patron Saint of Judges

CATHERINE lived many years ago in the city of Alexandria in Egypt. She loved Our Lord very much. She tried to get others to love and serve Him, too. She even went to the wicked emperor and asked him to change his evil ways.

This made the emperor angry. He ordered Catherine to adore the false gods. She refused. So he had her put to death.

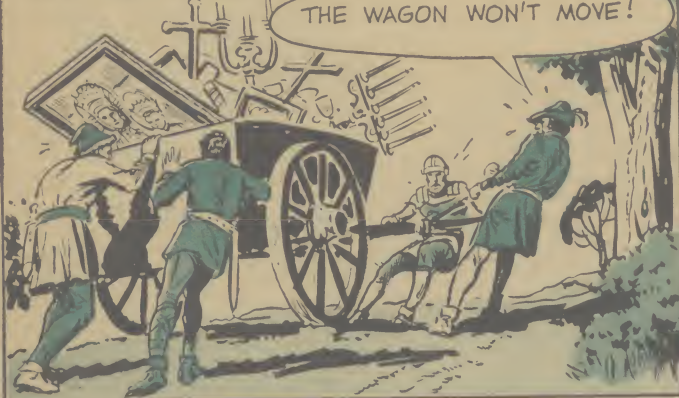
The feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria comes this Thursday, November 25. She is the patron saint of judges.

The Black Madonna

THE STORY OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF POLAND Part 3

THE PAULITE FATHERS BUILT A SHRINE FOR THE PAINTING AT A PLACE CALLED CZESTOCHOWA (Say CHAN STAW HAW VAH). ONE TIME BANDITS BROKE INTO THE SHRINE. THEY TRIED TO CARRY AWAY THE PICTURE.

THE WAGON WON'T MOVE!



ONE OF THE BANDITS BECAME ANGRY. HE THREW THE PAINTING ON THE GROUND. TWICE HE SLASHED IT WITH HIS SWORD. THE THIRD TIME...



HE IS DEAD!



WHEN THE BANDITS SAW THIS, THEY FLED IN TERROR.

THE PAINTING WAS RETURNED TO ITS PLACE OF HONOR. THEN ONE NIGHT THE SHRINE CAUGHT FIRE. THE NEXT MORNING...

EVERYTHING IS DESTROYED EXCEPT THE PAINTING.



BUT THE SMOKE AND FLAMES HAD DARKENED THE PICTURE. FROM THAT DAY ON IT WAS KNOWN AS THE BLACK MADONNA.

THE MOST FAMOUS HAPPENING WAS STILL TO COME. IN THE YEAR 1655 ENEMY SOLDIERS AGAIN INVADED POLAND.



SOON ALL POLAND WAS CONQUERED - EXCEPT THE SHRINE OF THE BLACK MADONNA.

WE WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH TO PROTECT OUR LADY FROM HARM.



(TO BE CONCLUDED)

More About Our Country's Make-Believe Heroes

Last month we told you some stories about our country's make-believe heroes. These stories are told in different parts of our country. They are called legends, or folk tales. Here are some more of these tales.

The Strong Man of the South

HIS name was John Henry and he was one of the strongest men who ever lived. The first stories about him were told in songs. They were sung by men building railroads in the South.

From the time he was a little boy, John Henry liked to hammer things. He grew up, dreaming of having a job where he could use his hammer.

Then, one day, he saw some railroad workers laying track and driving in the spikes. John knew that was the job for him. In no time at all he became the best railroad worker in the world. He often did the work of 10 men.

But then a machine was invented to drive in spikes. It could do the work much faster than men could. Everyone agreed to that. Everyone, that is, except John Henry. He said that no machine could beat him.

So a big contest was held between John and the huge machine. People came from miles around to see it. You know who won, don't you? Yes, it was John Henry. He won the contest all right, but he died from trying so hard. Some people say John knew that a machine would beat him some day and he really died from a broken heart.

John Henry and the spike-driving machine.



The Best Sailor in the World



Alfred Bulltop Stormalong and the octopus.

"THE saltiest sailor of the Seven Seas." That is what sailors called Old Stormalong. His full name was Alfred Bulltop Stormalong and he was born in Maine.

As a boy Alfred liked to stand on the rocky coast and watch the ships sail by. He knew that if he were taller he wouldn't have to climb the rocks each day. He could just look over them. So he decided to grow taller. And he did. Before he was 10 years old, he was more than six feet tall.

A few years later, Alfred Stormalong got his first job on a ship. He became a cabin boy on the *Susie Belle*. He sailed on many voyages after that. And he had many exciting adventures. One time his ship was stopped by a giant octopus. Old Stormalong jumped overboard and tied all eight arms of the octopus into knots.

Old Stormalong decided to build the biggest ship in the world. He did. He called it the *Courser*. It was so big that a sailor had to travel by horse to get from one end of the ship to the other.

Once the *Courser* was sailing in the Atlantic Ocean when a terrible hurricane struck. It pushed the ship toward Panama. Even Storm-

along couldn't turn the ship aside. So he drove it right through the jungles of Panama to the Pacific Ocean. And that is how the Panama Canal came to be.

The Greatest Lumberjack of All

ABOUT 150 years ago the northern part of our country was covered with trees. The men who worked in the forests chopping down the trees were called lumberjacks. These men liked to tell stories about the greatest lumberjack of all—Paul Bunyan.

Paul Bunyan was so tall that he used a young pine tree to comb his hair. His pet and best helper was a huge ox named Babe. Babe's color was bright blue. Paul had another helper called Johnny Inkslinger. Johnny was a book-keeper. He used a fountain pen made from a hose attached to a barrel. It took 30 men just to keep the barrel filled with ink.

One story tells how Paul Bunyan dug a channel for the Mississippi River. The dirt he piled up on both sides of the channel became the Rocky and the Allegheny mountains. Another story tells how Paul once needed some water for his ox. He dug five big holes and filled them with water. These water-filled holes became the Great Lakes.

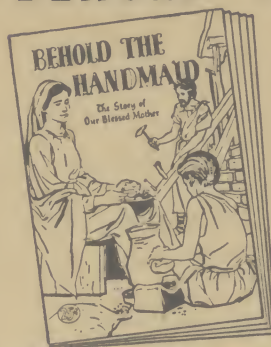
Paul Bunyan ruled over the north woods in our country for many years. Then, when his work here was finished, he disappeared.

Paul Bunyan and his pet, Babe the Blue Ox.



There are a number of books written about John Henry, Old Stormalong, Paul Bunyan, and other make-believe heroes. You can find them in the library. You will enjoy reading them.

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Here is the answer to
the crossword puzzle
that appeared in last
week's issue. Did you
work it correctly?



Hippopotamus

Hippo is the strangest beast
Of all I've ever seen;
She has the queer appearance of
A clumsy submarine.

She has a body like a drum,
With thick, tough crackled hide.
She puts her baby on her back
And takes him for a ride.

Sometimes she safely hides her son
When he's been washed and fed,
And then she takes a river walk
Along the river bed.

Before she sinks beneath the waves
She fills her lungs with air,
And then she closes ears and nose
And journeys here and there.

—Nona Keen Duffy

CAN YOU REMEMBER ?

Place an X before the correct answers.

- The man who discovered the South Pole was
☐ Admiral Byrd ☐ Admiral Peary
☐ Roald Amundsen ☐ Balboa
- The first man to fly over the South Pole was
☐ Admiral Byrd ☐ Orville Wright
☐ Roald Amundsen ☐ Charles Lindbergh
- The area around the South Pole is called the
☐ Arctic ☐ Sargasso Sea
☐ Antarctic ☐ Midlands
- Scientists who have been studying flies say that flies live about
☐ one month ☐ one year
☐ three months ☐ five years
- The story of the lost island of Atlantis was told by a famous Greek writer named
☐ Homer ☐ Aeneas
☐ Plato ☐ Socrates
- Not long ago a deep-sea diver found what he thought may be Atlantis. He made his discovery near the coast of
☐ Africa ☐ California
☐ Alaska ☐ Germany
- The season of Advent lasts for
☐ two weeks ☐ four weeks
☐ two months ☐ four months
- When Our Lord called St. Andrew to be an Apostle, Andrew was a
☐ lawyer ☐ farmer
☐ doctor ☐ fisherman
- St. Catherine of Alexandria is the patron saint of
☐ musicians ☐ judges
☐ children ☐ fishermen
- In this week's Gospel Our Lord tells
☐ the parable of the wedding feast
☐ about the end of the world
☐ His Apostles to be prepared for His death
☐ the story of the Good Shepherd

Perfect score is 10.

My score is ____.

Time to Laugh

WAITER: May I help you with that soup, sir?
 DINER: What do you mean help me? I certainly don't need any help.
 WAITER: I'm sorry, sir. From the sound I thought you might wish to be dragged ashore.

A man living in the Wild West entered his home.
 "What are you doing, Ma?" he asked.
 "I'm knitting a gun, Pa," she answered.
 "How can you knit a gun, Ma?"
 "It's easy, Pa. I'm using steel wool."

My Friend the Tree

My friend the tree gives to me
 Soft cool shade from noonday heat;
 Berries, nuts, and fruit to eat.
 Medicine to take,
 Pulp to make
 Envelopes and paper white;
 Also the pencil with which I write.

My friend the tree gives to me
 Rubber clothes for a rainy day,
 Ball and toys with which I play;
 Wood for the fireplace,
 Railroad ties,
 Telephone poles,
 And my kite that flies.

My friend the tree gives to me
 Useful things
 Almost without end.
 I'm glad I have
 The tree for a friend!

—Ollie J. Robertson

Words That Are Alike

All of the following words are used in this issue. In each line underscore the word that is *closest* in meaning to the first word.

- expedition _____ service, journey, joke, hat
- anxious _____ worried, calm, satisfied, relieved
- artificial _____ unreal, natural, real, awful
- roam _____ journey, run, wander, skip
- swat _____ rub, crush, bathe, sit
- magnify _____ divide, dissolve, destroy, enlarge
- disease _____ health, illness, germ, dirt
- habit _____ custom, laugh, live, dwell
- harmless _____ hurt, injured, damaged, unhurt
- glitter _____ warm, dim, sparkle, gloom

Perfect score is 10.

My score is ____.

Words That Are Opposite

All of the following words are used in this issue. In each line underscore the word that is *opposite* in meaning to the first word.

- quarrel _____ agree, argue, fight, arm
- dirty _____ kind, selfish, clean, soggy
- wealth _____ price, riches, money, poverty
- exist _____ die, live, be, try
- scrap _____ rug, piece, spread, whole
- roar _____ howl, angry, bore, whisper
- lift _____ push, pull, drop, raise
- evil _____ sinful, round, oval, good
- false _____ artificial, evil, true, crooked
- attach _____ unite, join, separate, resolve

Perfect score is 10.

My score is ____.